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Minutes of a Special Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Thursday, September 25, 2003, at 9:41 a.m.

Present:

Robert Kozakiewicz,	Supervisor
James Lull,	Councilman
Barbara Blass,	Councilperson

Also Present:

Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk
Dawn Thomas, Esq.,	Town Attorney

Absent:

Rose Sanders,	Councilperson
Edward Densieski,	Councilman

(Supervisor Kozakiewicz called the meeting to order.)

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "All right. This is the time; this is the place. Special Town Board meeting which was noticed to take up a series of resolutions, the time being 9:41 a.m. The hearing having been noticed for 9:30 and we're taking up a series of resolutions which, hopefully, the Board has had a chance to look at, including one which is an extension of the moratorium for residential development for an additional three months from the effective date of filing of this local law.

We're calling for a public hearing and the public hearing would be held on the 7th day of October at 7:15 p.m.

Is there any discussion by any of the Board members on any of the resolutions that are appearing in the packet? All right. If not, let's take up resolutions, please."

Resolution #1063

Councilman Lull: "Okay. 1063 authorizes New York State Bond Act application for Calverton advanced wastewater treatment facility in the Calverton Sewer District. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Moved and seconded."

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The Vote: "Blass, yes; Lull, yes; Kozakiewicz."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Yes. And just to be exact, what we're looking to do is apply for funding from the New York State Bond Act in the sum of eight million dollars and change in order to go forward with the construction for the advanced wastewater treatment plant at Calverton, the idea being to locate it north of the ground water divide so that it's not impacting the Peconic waters. And, again, I vote yes to make that application."

Barbara Grattan: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1064

Councilman Lull: "Authorizes Phase II of the study regarding feasibility of reuse of effluent at Indian Island Golf Course, Phase I having been completed in conjunction with Suffolk County. This is Phase II. Yes. I mean so moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Okay. Vote, please."

The Vote: "Blass, yes; Lull, yes; Kozakiewicz."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Yes. And I want to make a little technical correction. The Phase I which is the pilot is actually still underway because we have to do one year of testing. Anyone who hasn't been at the sewage treatment plant at Riverside lately after they pass by our offices, will have sort of an eyeopener. They'll say, what's this all about?

We've built a small little golf hole out there, about 6,000 square feet in size. It has a "T" box, a fairway, a green which is still being- which is still growing; a sand trap and some surroundings. The idea is to simulate to the extent we can the course conditions next door at Indian Island Golf Course. We use the same contractor that the County uses to manage and keep the place up to standards that the County is keeping us up to.

Initially we'll use our own public water to get it established and to make sure it's in a shape where it's healthy. After that, we will then be directing sewage effluent from the sewage treatment plant to water it and nourish this hole and it will be studied and analyzed by a microbiologist and others over one year in accordance with our agreement with Suffolk County Health Department in order to see whether there's the ability to then go to the main project which is what we're talking about here to have the entire golf course at Indian

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Island treated with sewage effluent.

I understand it's going to be about 350,000 gallons per day if we can make it work and that would obviously be 350,000 gallons per day that will not go into the Peconic estuary.

So this is something we're looking for funding on and something that makes a lot of sense in light of the upgrade at the plant. So I vote yes."

Barbara Grattan: "That resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1065

Councilwoman Blass: "This resolution authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a proposed local law entitled Moratorium on Residential Development. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Second."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Blass, yes; Lull, yes; Kozakiewicz, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1066

Councilman Lull: "Haven't found it yet. Just a second. 1066 is an authorization to pay bills. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Blass, yes; Lull, yes; Kozakiewicz, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #1067

Barbara Grattan: "1067 is Riverhead Sewer effluent reuse pilot project Phase I budget adjustment. What happened to it? Did you have it?"

Councilwoman Blass: "I had it in the work-- I have the one in the packet from yesterday. Here it is."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "No, it was- that's it. That's the authorization."

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Councilwoman Blass: "No, it's not."

Barbara Grattan: "Let me call- "

Councilwoman Blass: "Wait, wait. No, it's not."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "It was an accounting resolution in order to do the budget pilot."

Barbara Grattan: (Inaudible)

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Michael, are you here to have me sign applications? What's that? Okay. Let's go to the next one then. Let's do 1068."

Resolution #1068

Councilwoman Blass: "This resolution authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post that attached help wanted ad for the engineering department. So moved."

Councilman Lull: "Second."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Blass, yes; Lull, yes; Kozakiewicz, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "While we're waiting, I kind of mentioned this off the record sort of when Eve Kaplan walked in. There is an important- I think there's going to be an important vote going on at KeySpan, Lipa today involving the north fork transmission upgrade system, the 69kv. So, I will be leaving my colleagues in their ever capable hands and, in fact, with Deputy Supervisor Lull in a few moments so that I can head west to Hicksville to attend that meeting.

It's something that I feel strongly about. I know that in the past, NFEC was right there alongside us fighting LIPA and the whole issue and we feel that the south fork and the north fork should be treated on the same terms and that the economic issues that have been raised by LIPA are issues that are somewhat unfair, maybe not exact nor take into consideration the maintenance costs.

So I'm going to be there and, hopefully, they'll consider their position seriously and we'll be reporting- certainly, I'll let the media know as soon as I get back what the decision was."

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Councilman Lull: "Bob, when you go are you wearing armor?"

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "I have a (inaudible) gun. All right."

Barbara Grattan: "Jim, you want to take a look at the resolution before?"

Councilman Lull: "Okay."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Thank you."

Resolution #1067

Councilman Lull: "It's a budget adjustment or a budget adoption, one or the other, for the sewer district effluent project. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Blass, yes; Lull, yes; Kozakiewicz."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "Yes. As mentioned before, this part is for the budget adjustment so that we can continue with that pilot program and the study that I mentioned which is the one utilizing the small or the small scale golf hole. So this is something we obviously don't want to delay on.

We're still going to be seeking funding which I understand we're getting a lot of assistance on and that's most particularly from Laura Brovaro (phonetic) who has been very helpful in that regard. So we'll continue in that regard but in the meantime while we're looking for the funding we want to make sure we don't lose any step in our no nitrogen program. It's the funding that's being used to make this happen, correct, Michael? Okay, thank you.

Any other resolutions?"

Barbara Grattan: "No."

Supervisor Kozakiewicz: "All right. Thank you. Conclude the- is there a motion to adjourn? Okay. Good, the time being 9:50. Conclusion. Thank you."

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 a.m.